

Blonde Shirley White Receives Miss Torrance Title

COURT UPHOLDS PERJURY CONVICTION OF LOCAL TEACHER IN RED SPY CASE

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Clarence Vetterli's Bid For New Trial Rejected

Conviction of 41-year-old Clarence Howard Vetterli, former El Camino College journalism instructor on charges of perjury before a Federal grand jury was upheld Friday by the Ninth U. S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The former instructor appealed his six-year sentence on the grounds that not enough corroborative evidence was submitted during a Red spy quiz. The Court of Appeals held that evidence was ample.

Vetterli was nabbed by the FBI on the El Camino campus May 2, 1951 on an indictment charging him with making false statements during a grand jury hearing in 1949 which was probing links here with a Russian spy ring in Japan.

The instructor was brought to trial before U. S. Judge Peirson M. Hall after a guilty plea to the perjury charges was rejected. Vetterli testified that he had sent "Red Miwa," a Nisei, and his wife to Japan in 1941—a matter that he denied in his testimony before the grand jury. He explained that he helped to send the pair to Japan to work against the Tojo-led government, which four months later struck at Pearl Harbor.

The second charge grew out of Vetterli's denial before the grand jury that he had ever been told that Ignacy Samuel Witezak was a Communist

agent. Testimony given before the trial court indicated that friends of the instructor had informed him that Witezak was a Communist.

In his appeal, which was rejected Friday, Vetterli also challenged the six-year sentence he received on the two counts. He was sentenced to four years on the first, two on the second, the terms to run consecutively.

Before his arrest in May 1951, Vetterli was faculty advisor of the El Camino student newspaper, "Warwhoop," and was supervisor of the college news bureau as well as a journalism and photography instructor. Vetterli lived at 17107 Crenshaw Blvd., North Torrance, at the time of his arrest. He joined the El Camino faculty in September, 1949.

Split Decision Given by Youths On Mischief Rap

Four youths pleaded guilty to charges of malicious mischief arising out of a noisy early morning visit which they made to a young Torrance woman's home two weeks ago, and were handed stiff fines by City Judge Otto B. Willett Thursday.

Two others pleaded innocent. Sentenced to pay a \$200 fine was Vester L. Champion, 21, of Redondo Beach. He pleaded guilty to the mischief rap, and also a disturbing the peace offense. Judge Willett meted out a 30-day suspended jail sentence for the disturbance complaint and placed Champion on probation.

James Luttrell, Paul Burch and Tommy Holder all were fined \$100.

Donald L. Broderick and Eugene Harper pleaded not guilty to the charges and were ordered to return for trial at a later date.

Officers arrested the six after they allegedly rapped at the doors and windows of a young woman's home early one morning two weeks ago.

Son Drowns On Father's Farm

James O. Terry Jr., 42, was found face down in an irrigation ditch at his father's farm on West Carson St., Thursday, and despite efforts of county firemen who worked with a rescuistator, was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital.

The victim was found by his father, James O. Terry, at 418 W. Carson St., who told sheriff's deputies he and his son were irrigating crops. The victim reportedly suffered from epileptic attacks and firemen theorized that he could have fallen into the ditch while having an attack.

Firemen from Eng. 36, directed by Capt. Don Mitchell, responded to assist.

Services will be conducted tomorrow at 2 p.m. at Stone and Myers Chapel, with Leonard Babcock and members of Bell Masonic Lodge officiating. Interment will be at Green Hills.

Survivors include his parents and a daughter, Diana, of the Carson St. address.

CHAMBER DECLARES WAR ON HOT CHECK PASSERS

The Chamber of Commerce has a couple of words of advice to hot check artists: look out!

An announcement yesterday by President Robert L. Flomert Jr. revealed plans to inaugurate an extra service of reporting bad check information to all the Torrance merchants who are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Explaining the Chamber's new function, Executive Secretary Dale Isenberg said the check information service will be part of the Better Business Bureau section of the chamber and will be accomplished through daily and weekly bulletins as well as personal phone calls on emergency information.

Merchants are being requested to report on bad check information immediately to the chamber offices in order to protect other merchants, Isenberg said. It is the hope of the chamber to make this area a rough spot for the rubber check dealers.

The Better Business Bureau section has handled over 115 cases and inquiries since its inception two months ago, Isenberg reported. He stressed the importance of requesting chamber clearance cards from all solicitors.

"Observance of this simple request will save the Torrance property owners, residents and merchants many hundreds of dollars annually," he said.

Archer Services Set Thursday

Funeral services for Jay L. Archer, young Walteria father who died Tuesday of injuries received in a Texas auto crash last June 1, will be conducted Tuesday 11 a.m., at Pierce Bros. "Little Church Around the Corner," 3443 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood.

Mr. Archer, a veteran of World War II, succumbed in a Texas hospital to traffic hunts. Also killed in the crash were his sister, Eileen, of North Torrance; a family friend, Charles Duke; and a California soldier.

Survivors include Archer's widow, Harriet, and a five year old daughter, Patricia, of 3019 Wintock Dr.; a brother, Arthur, of 16418 Wilton Pl., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Archer, of Ohio.

Sentenced for Molesting Girl

A 38-year-old aircraft worker was sentenced to spend 90 days in county jail Friday morning after he pleaded guilty to charges that he molested a five-year-old girl last week.

Robert F. Arnett, of 4156 W. 173rd St., was given the jail sentence by City Judge Otto B. Willett, who commanded that Arnett be given psychopathic examination by county authorities.

Local Men Named In Criminal Complaint

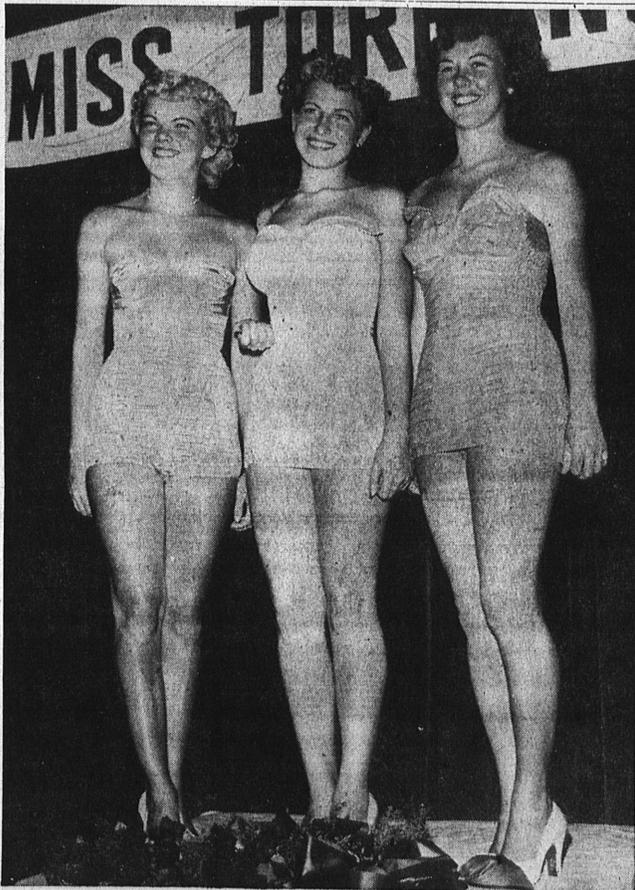
Three Torrance men are among four named in a criminal complaint charging that they attacked two teen-age high school boys following a minor traffic fracas on Pacific Coast Hwy.

Named as assailants of the two youths are Gregory J. Reger Jr., of 5351 Doris Way, former Redondo Beach auxiliary police officer; Bernard Housnick 5256 Doris Way; Louis Johnson, 620 W. 220th St.; and a Ft. San Luis Obispo soldier.

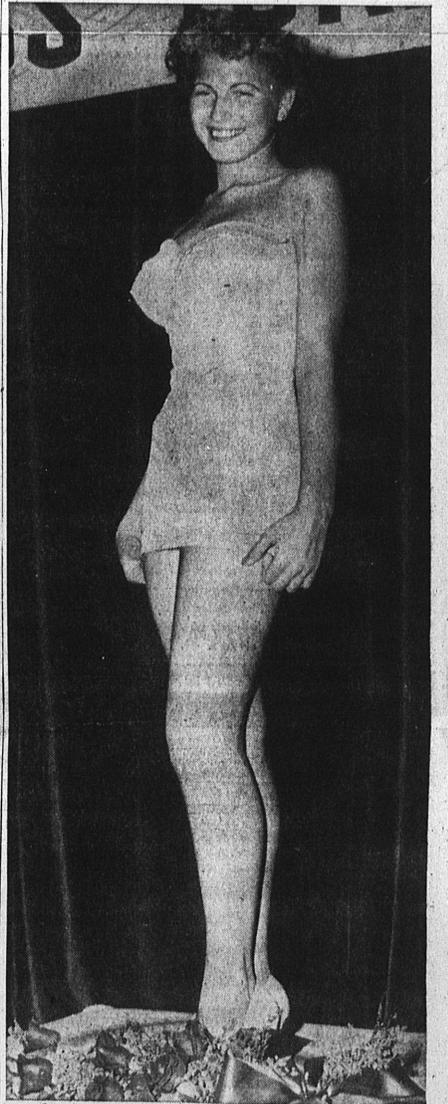
The complaint, signed by Esteban Felix, 4545 W. 172nd St., father of the two boys, alleges that the quartet followed Ralph Felix, 17, a Redondo High football player, and his brother, Israel, 14, home on July 14 and pummeled them about the face with their fists.

The brothers said that the four, in a car driven by Reger, chased them from Pacific Coast Hwy. and Pacific Ave. in Redondo to the front yard of their home. There, the youths said, one of the men flashed a police badge and said he was angry because the youths failed to stop for a traffic light.

It was at this point, the boys told deputies, that the four started slugging them. The younger boy said the incident arose from a near traffic crash when the Reger car failed to stop for a stop light. Honking of horns and heated words preceded the merry chase



FINALISTS . . . The three finalists selected in the Miss Torrance contest were (left to right) Barbara Ann Williams, Shirley Jeanne White, and Shirley Jean Atchley. Shirley White was tabbed by the judges and will be officially crowned Aug. 16, at the Coronation Ball.



SHIRLEY JEANNE WHITE
Statistics: 36-24-36

Queen Packing for Las Vegas Week-End

Packing today for a two-day stay at the luxurious Last Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas next week is 16-year-old Shirley Jeanne White, of 2317 Sierra Ave., who was named Miss Torrance in judging at the Civic Auditorium Thursday evening.

The curvaceous young blonde, winner among the 14 entrants parading before the judges Thursday, will leave by Western Air Lines next Monday for a stay at the famous desert resort.

Judges for the contest were Jack Heptie, Judge Otto B. Willett, and Ann Garri, professional dance coach. The judges said that very few points on their scoring sheet separated the three finalists.

Sponsors of the winning contestant, the B & R Cleaners, will give her \$10-worth of cleaning service. It was announced after the contest.

Highlight of the queen contest will come Aug. 16 at the Palos Verdes Country Club when Shirley will be crowned "Miss Torrance" at the Coronation Ball. Arrangements to have a "big name" do the crowning are being made, according to James Van Dyck, director of the Torrance Area Youth Band. Sponsors of the contest.

Tickets for the ball, the only source of revenue to the Youth Band from the contest, will go on sale in the very near future, Van Dyck said. All of the contestants will participate in the coronation ceremonies, Van Dyck said.



RADIANT . . . Pert Shirley Jeanne White, a Torrance High School student, will reign during the coming year as Miss Torrance. She was elected from a group of 14 at the Civic Auditorium Thursday evening.

Where's the Fire?

Torrance Fire Department responded to the following calls:

THURSDAY

11:40 a.m., 171st St. and Crenshaw Blvd., grass fire.
4:04 p.m., 4473 Del Amo Blvd., grass fire.
4:25 p.m., Sepulveda Blvd. and Cherry Ave., grass fire.
4:42 p.m., Sepulveda Blvd. and Maple Ave., grass fire.
5:00 p.m., Maple and Maricopa Aves., grass fire.
11:34 p.m., Pacific Coast Hwy. and Hawthorne Ave., truck fire.

SATURDAY

12:43 a.m., 2431 W. 236th St., inhalator call.